missile still needs to be proved for all its capabilities. These technologies will be useful in futuristic missile projects.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Indo-Russian agreement for acquisition of defence products

2173. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has signed a protocol agreement with Russia for acquiring defence products during his visit there in January last;

(b) if so, the details of the deals firmed up with their values, delivery schedules, terms of payment etc.; and

(c) how these products compare with US, Korean and French products?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Raksha Mantri visited Russia to co-chair the Third Meeting of India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission held in Moscow from 15-17 January 2003. During this visit no 'protocol agreement' was signed with Russia for acquisition of defence products. However, Raksha Mantri signed a Protocol of the Inter-Governmental Commission on issues relating to the bilateral Military Technical Cooperation between India and Russia.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Defence production unit in Gujarat

2174. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from Government of Gujarat for starting defence production unit in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, what is the response thereon?